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## Ideas for a Cleaner Environment

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### **Put the Environment on your Holiday Wish List**

This holiday season, why not give a gift that keeps on giving in the form of energy savings? Check out our list of energy-efficient gift picks for just about everyone on your shopping list!

**For the home decorator:** One idea is to give flameless LED candles. Some of these candles come with a melted wax look on the outside and a flickering light on the inside, so you don't have to worry about actual dripping wax or open flames. These candles also can come with timer-controlled settings. While you're in the holiday spirit, use LED lights for decorating the house or tree. ENERGY STAR certified LED light strands use 50% less energy than conventional incandescent lights strands. Not only do LED holiday lights consume less electricity, they are also cooler, safer and longer-lasting.

**For the music lover:** Some of the most popular new products are sound bars, wireless speakers and other gadgets with Bluetooth connectivity. Find one with the ENERGY STAR and your gift will not only be a hit, but will also be more than 60% energy efficient compared to other models.

**For the home improvement DIY-er:** Cordless screwdrivers, drills, and saws – as well as cordless yard care tools such as lawn mowers, string trimmers, and shears – all use about 30% less energy with ENERGY STAR certified battery chargers.

**For the well-groomed person in your life:** Personal care products like electric shavers, hair clippers, and beard trimmers that use ENERGY STAR-certified battery chargers can save up to 70% compared to those with conventional charging systems.

**For the movie lover:** If your loved ones enjoy streaming movies or videos, did you know that tablets and laptops use the least amount of energy? Tablets that are ENERGY STAR certified use 10 times less power to stream than a game console. They use 7 times less power than streaming directly to your television and 6 times less than streaming to a desktop computer and monitor. If you are streaming to your large screen television you can still do so more efficiently. The newest ENERGY STAR certified TVs offer the latest technologies and popular features, including Smart TV functionality, Ultra High Definition and LED backlighting all at an energy savings of more than 25% over standard models.

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